

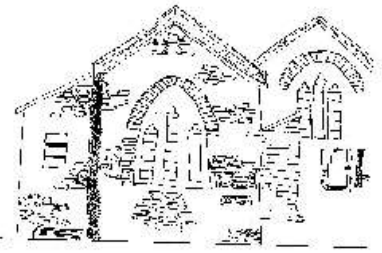
**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 11/12 08**  
**Friday 4th November 2011**



Branscombe C of E Primary School  
Children's Aims  
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

Thank you to those year group reps who attended Parent Forum this week. We talked about how we envisage the new Parent Forum structure to work - giving us clearer agenda items to focus on and making the meetings a positive element of the school improvement process. We talked about aspects of the school which parents appreciate. Some real positives about the Management Partnership were discussed. Parents and children who recently attended the joint carnival morning at Broadhembury had enjoyed the session and children had said they had made new friends.

We also talked about how the school can be a real community of support for parents and how there is a really positive feel to the school. The article in the September issue of the Parish Magazine about the school was discussed and how a parent who is moving to the area contacted Amanda after reading the article.

In future we hope to provide information at parent forum, perhaps inviting speakers to the sessions. These 'special' sessions would then be open to all parents. If you have any suggestions about aspects you would like to be included e.g. phonics, educational psychology issues etc then please let me know.

Please note the section of 'Key Dates' relating to Parents Evening and also the minutes of the PTFA which are at the bottom of the newsletter. If you can give any support to the PTFA at the moment please speak to me. I must emphasise that the current committee is in name only and no further major fundraising events will take place until more parents come forward - as a school we rely on PTFA funding for so many things so please try to support in any way you can.

I hope you all safely enjoy the Bonfire Weekend. Class Two have done some lovely posters and leaflets about Firework Safety as part of their Autumn topic. Looking forward to seeing you at the Branscombe Fireworks tomorrow night!

God bless and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

### **Key Dates**

Mrs Gray will be in school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week.

**Saturday 5th November** - Fireworks at the Village Hall from 6.30pm.

**Monday 7th November** - Cake Sale after school. (Claire and Judie)

**Friday 11th November** - Remembrance Service.

**Saturday 12th November** - Baby & Toddler Group Jumble Sale in the Village Hall at 2.30pm.

**Monday 14th November** - Trip to Clip 'n' Climb for years 2,3,4,5,6. (Provisional; further details to follow.)

**Tuesday 15th November** - Parents Evening (further details to follow).

**Monday 21st November** - Class 2 Dental Hygiene session.

**Monday 21st November** - deadline for Puffin Book Club orders.

**Saturday 3rd December** - Branscombe Village Christmas Fair at the Village Hall.

**Monday 5th December** - Christingle Service 6pm at St Winifred's Church.

**Thursday 8th December** - Christmas Play at Branscombe Village Hall at 6.30pm.

**Friday 9th December** - Christmas Theatre trip for the whole school. Further details to follow.

**Monday 12th December** - 2.45pm Parent Forum meeting

**Wednesday 14th December** - Children's Christmas Dinner at Branscombe Village Hall.

**Friday 16th December** - last day of the Autumn Term.

**Thursday 5th January** - return to school after Christmas.

### **Remembrance Day**

On Friday we will be taking part in the Remembrance Day Memorial Ceremony. We will attend Church first at 10.30 and then go outside to the War Memorial for the time of silence. The children will be reading poems and prayers and laying a wreath. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. Following the service the Royal British Legion Women's Section will be serving teas and coffees in the Village Hall.

### **Spanish Club**

A reminder to all those who are attending Spanish Club that the second payment (of £2 per session for the remaining 5 sessions) is now due. Please send £10 in cash to the office clearly.

### **Costumes for Christmas Play**

The children are already working hard preparing for the Christmas Play. We have some interesting costumes to make this year and really need some help. If you are interested in a bit of creative costume making then speak with Mrs Crawford.

### **Trip to Clip 'n' Climb in Exeter**

On the afternoon of the 14th November years 2,3,4,5 and 6 will have the opportunity to experience the indoor climbing centre, Clip 'n' Climb in Exeter. We will be travelling by coach and will need a voluntary contribution of £5.50 per child in order to cover the costs of coach transport. If we do not receive sufficient contributions then the trip may not be able to take place. If you have not done so already then please return the permission slip previously provided.

### **Puffin Book Club**

You should have received a letter and catalogue for the new Puffin Book Club. Please note that you can order online and select for your books to be delivered to school or you can bring your order into the office. The strict deadline for orders to the office is the morning of Monday 21st November.

### **EcoArt Cards**

You should all have received your sample Christmas Cards. We thought that they looked absolutely excellent this year. If you do wish to make a purchase then please ensure that your orders are returned to the office before the 15th November. This is a strict deadline to ensure that all cards get printed and returned in time.

### **Cake Sale and Second Hand Uniform**

Claire and Judie will be holding a cake sale after school on Monday. The school council will also be holding a second hand uniform sale.

### **School Meals**

Please find attached additional order forms for school meals. There are also order forms next to the box for notes to the office and in the document holder inside the front door.

### **Branscombe Baby and Toddler Group Jumble Sale**

The baby and toddler group who meet every other Tuesday morning will be holding a jumble sale on Saturday 12th November at 2.30pm at the Village Hall, so please go along and show your support. If you have any good quality jumble please speak with Emily Hughes.

### **Firework party**

Branscombe Youth Club should like to invite everyone to a firework display and bonfire at the Village Hall from 6.30 until 8pm on Saturday 5th November.

# MINUTES OF BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA AGM 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2011

Present – Caroline Reynolds (Chair) Angie Reed (Treasurer) Claire Graysmark  
(Secretary) Katie Gray, Vicky Goodman, Louisa Merrit and Catharine  
Willerton.

## 1. Apologies for absence

Emily Hughes and Nicky Lewens

## 2. Minutes of the last AGM

Not available

## 3. Matters arising

Not applicable

## 4. Chairs report

Summary of years fund raising-

Summer Fayre - £730 – this was really successful and well attended

Real World night - £170

Other fund raising activities included a pub quiz, an xmas raffle, school tea towels and the monthly cake stall all of which kept the funds increasing.

Caroline is happy to continue organising the cake stall monthly.

## 5. Treasurer's report

The PTFA has 2 accounts, one of which is a higher interest account. It was discussed that we should put more money into the higher interest account. Angie has now stepped down as treasurer so Vicky has volunteered to check the accounts and will get the forms needed to change signatories.

## 6. Appointment of independent examiner

The purpose of an independent examiner is to check over the accounts. Katie is approaching Nicky Bullock.

## 7. Election of Committee members

We were not able to elect new committee members as there was no nominees.

The present committee has agreed to stay on in name on the paper work for the PTFA but will not be actually be doing any other work other than signatories etc Vicky Goodman is treasurer on paper until an election is held. Catharine has offered to be vice chair on paper.

## **Committee**

**Chair – Caroline Reynolds**

**Vice chair – Catharine Willerton**

**Treasurer – Vicky Goodman**

**Secretary – Claire Graysmark**

#### 8. Special Business

Dave Miller to sort out rotting sand pit and to invoice PTFA

Mrs Gray will look into coasters being printed up using pictures of childrens work to sell to parents and at fayres.

Xmas cards are the school's responsibility.

Story Sacks – WI to make. A community project – more information to follow.

#### 9. Other Business

Mrs Gray will produce PTFA Constitution and send them out to be agreed.

Mrs Gray will put a note in the Parish news for volunteers for PTFA.

Ideas welcomed for Queens Jubilee next year and parents to volunteer to help organise.

#### 10. Date of next meeting

Date to be arranged.

#### 11. Note from secretary

Just a little note to say that the committee members have been there for 2 years now and would really appreciate others taking over so they can stand down.

All of us would be happy to take up positions again in the future but need a break. The numbers at PTFA meetings are dreadful and it is such a shame.

We are all busy and have major commitments but please try and help us here. The meetings are not long and they are not scary so please can more of you come!!